

UVSC Moves Toward University Status

OREM, Utah (AP)—Utah Valley ⁴⁻¹¹⁻⁰¹ State College may be on the way to becoming a full-scale university, according to a vision statement recently released by school officials.

The Orem school has already grown from a small community college to an accredited state school with 21 four-year degrees. The college plans to add nine more four-year degrees by 2003, raise tuition to match Weber State University's and bring professor salaries closer to the university level.

"UVSC is committed to maintaining the responsiveness and flexibility of its historic mission while becoming a highly respected state college offering a comprehensive range of baccalaureate degrees and programs," the statement reads. "UVSC anticipates the

time when it will also respond to community needs for graduate courses and degrees as a metropolitan university."

Brad Winn, UVSC's vice president for planning and student services, said administrators are now considering the proposal, which may go to trustees for approval this summer.

"The bottom line is that we think there will come a time to respond to the demand for master's level education," Winn said. Schools that offer master's degrees are defined as either metropolitan or regional universities, he said.

But UVSC may face obstacles to that goal.

According to a statewide long-range plan, only the University of Utah, Utah State, Weber State and STU should

offer graduate programs until 2005. And UVSC's own growth blueprint from 1998 says the school's current role should be adequate until 2020.

David Buhler, an associate commissioner of Utah's System Higher Education, said the regents would

carefully review any proposals that would change UVSC's mission and thus affect all other Utah schools.

"The regents would not do that lightly. They are very deliberate," Buhler said.

"I though our guys picked it up," Wheatley said. "Putting Dallas at stopper really settled down the defense, but everybody stepped up."

Wasatch took a 1-0 lead eight minutes into the match on a Colby Remund goal. Remund shot ahead of three Lehi defenders with a tremendous burst of speed and blasted the ball right past the diving Lehi goalie.

The Wasps had other opportunities to score in the first half, such as Chad

The Wasatch soccer team defeated Lehi last week with the help of tremendous defense.

Wasatch was just warming up, however, and was poised to put the Pioneers away in the second half. However, as the Wasps were gaining composure, Lehi was losing theirs—complaining to the referees about the tough, physical play.

"We are playing physical but we're

Lehi also had good looks at the goal, but Armenderaz was doing his best Superman impression—flying through the air and swatting away soccer balls like orbs of kryptonite.

Wasatch scored their second goal midway through the second half as Craig Smith performed a killer

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"We didn't have control of the mid-field like we usually do," Wheatley said. "Park City was clearly the better team today."

Wasatch played a big game at Judge on Monday, but results weren't available at press time. The Wasps next play one week from today against Uintah, and then two days later against Union.

Both home games will begin at 3:30 p.m.

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